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ABINGDON, VA.,
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Mr. Editor:

Our little town, Abingdon, is more than one hundred miles west of the Alleghanies, and is one of the oldest towns in the State, is the county seat of Washington county, the first spot of earth named in honor of the Father of his (our) country. Just about here, poor Lo used to have as lively a time in search of scalps as the average politician now has in securing an office. Here, where the camp kettle swung, now the political pot *biles*,—Adjusters and Re-adjusters are furnishing fuel to keep up the smoke while *our people* look on with about the same degree of interest as the wife that witnessed the contest between the husband and the bear.

The wedding announced to take place last Thursday, 2 p. m., failed in consequence of the gent not putting in an appearance. Anticipating a good time, extensive preparations were made, guests present, intended Bride dressed, table set. At sundown the hungry guests who were kept waiting about six hours, took seats at the table and in less time than a takes to tell it, that table looked as if a tornado had passed over it. Fragments of the good things lay scattered round as an infallible proof of their rapacious appetites. In the meantime, the prospective bride retired to her bedchamber to muse on the frailty of man as a panacea for her grief, probably quoting the following Scripture: "I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem (Abingdon) if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him I am sick of love." Parson Ryder was engaged to officiate, which he did—at the table, owing to the disappointment, his cash account that night was about one dollar short of his expectation.

The grand rally at Charles Wesley M. E. Church last Sunday was a success. Parson Ryder was ably assisted by Rev. John H. Jackson of your city. The call was for seventy-five dollars, and the handsome sum of ninety-three dollars collected. This will pay the last installment of their church debt, which was about $2,000; their jubilee will be on the 21st inst. There is connected with this church a "Young Ladies' Social Club," numbering about twenty-five members, the officers are, Miss Mary N. Johnson, president; Miss Alcy Heath, vice president; Miss Alice S. Harris, treasurer and Miss Ellen Johnson, secretary. The object of the club is to labor to perpetuate and extend the peaceful reign of virtue and religion. Their first "sociable" last month was the first ever held in this city, and gave general satisfaction. The young gentlemen of the same church have organized a "Silver Leaf Club," the officers of which are, Mr. Michael Byrd, president; G. White treasurer; W. F. Crocket, secretary; their object literary improvement. Last Tuesday evening they gave their "Sociable" in the church. I thin edged my way in, *a la* Beau Hickman.

Rev. Mr. Ryder in a neat three minute speech, briefly stated the benefits of social gatherings.

OUR INTELLECTUAL IMPROVEMENT.

After prayer Miss Mattie Robinson, sang a solo so sweetly that we were reminded of your own "Sweet Mattie". Mr. Edward G. Taylor of Richmond Va., formerly of this place, a polished gentleman and a devoted friend of our race, was introduced and in a fifteen-minute speech drew a graphic picture, descriptive of the condition of our people here in the days of slavery, in Richmond and here at the present time. Mr. Taylor has the urbanity of manner, amiability of disposition with that gentlemanly style for which so many of us Virginians are so particularly distinguished. At the conclusion of his remarks, a general introduction and social convereation ensued, interspersed with an occasional solo or duett. Prof. Langford presided at the organ. Among those prominent were, Miss Mary A. Stokes of Norfolk, Va., who appeared in a black silk with very pale pink trimming, garnet jewelry. Few ladies possess her elegant bearing and innate dignity, combined with personal and mental beauty added to a fine education and agreeable manner—charms which are appreciated by all who know her. She is the guest of Miss Alice S. Harris, a genial, gentle, affectionate and true friend, as her numerous acquaintances all testify. Miss Harris has been quite ill for a month, but is now convalescent. At the sociable her absence was much regretted.

Mrs. Victoria Latcher of Greenville, Miss, wore a black silk, is well qualified to make home and her husband happy, is one of the most polished and refined ladies now in Abingdon. A fortunate man is her husband in the possession of such a wife. Miss Jane Banks of Yazoo City, Miss., was lovely in lavender-colored silk and pearl jewelry. If I could lose sight of others, I would say that her dress was the handsomest, and her face the fairest in the room. Miss Clara Nicholas, a bright and shining jewel here, never appeared to better advantage and more fascinating than on this occasion in grey bourette and silk trimming. We regret that she will soon leave for Springfield, Mass. The Misses Anderson, two blondes, bright and quick-witted as well as accomplished and agreeable, their dotted muslin with pink trimming, was very becoming.

Miss Mary N. Johnson is very elegant in her manner, is much admired and has many friends. She wore a brown cashmere princesse which corresponded admirably with her sedateness. Miss Maggie Madison is a petite blonde and very piquant, was simply dressed in white muslin, en trained. Miss Cecilia Reed of King's Mt., was lovely in white with blue trimming. She is full of ambition ane never for a moment dull. Miss Alcy Heath, of Jeffersonville Va., is very justly admired for her sweet, pretty manners and sunlit countenance; she is tall and beautiful with liquid black eyes, which are so telling upon the gentlemen, wore a wine-colored cashmere, with stylish *revers* collar. Miss Sophie Byas wore mourning. Miss Julia Griffin whose soft, confiding brown eyes, with a sweet mile ever playing over her fresh ana oyous countenance, looked lovely in eal-brown silk. Miss Celest Goodall, whose nmyph like grace and beauty card sone irresistibly to to the field of poetry jsdt song, was attired in plain cashmere nnd bourette. Miss M. Butler Moore is yll, graceful rand popular. Miss Fannie Heath, in white muslin and pink silk, looked as pure as a vestal priestess. Miss Delia Johnson and many others deserve special mention; but why shonld I discriminate? In such a galxy each star seemed brighter till I gazed upon another.

Throughout the whole exercises there was nothing of the country romp or literary bore or shoddy splurge, but all was graceful, enjoyable and in good taste.

May the "Silver Leaf" never wither.

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TAMING THE ELEPHANT.

From our African exchanges we find that elephant hunting and taming is looked to as a source of revenue, of commercial and political value to the Republic of Liberia.

A company, with a capital of $5,000, has just been organized, with Hon. D. B. Warner, chairman, and Henry Cooper (who visited this country and city last year), treasurer, for the purpose of catching, taming and selling this animal. They propose to undertake two expeditions annually for this purpose, under the superintendence of Mr. Benjamin J. K. Anderson, a colored traveler of great experience, in the sections where the elephant abounds.

We trust the necessary capital will be raised, the work vigorously prosecuted and made a success.

The following, in this connection, will be of interest:

The greatest and most pressing need in Liberia is a beast of burden; without it our trade must languish and our agriculture will fail to increase in importance. Owing to the expensive and slow method of transport obtaining among us at present, the supply of produce is practically limited, as is its price and the sphere of trade; while to the north and south of us the interior trade, following the course of the valleys of the Niger and other rivers, is pouring out supplies almost, if not altogether, without any limit but that of the demand for such commodities. The natural consequence is a decrease in the market value of such things, according to that well-known rule of political economy which teaches that increased demand, producing increased supply, tends to cheapen the objects of trade. We must, therefore, either extend our trade or be undersold.

We can extend our trade by developing the resources of our interior and cutting off a portion of the trade of the valley of the Niger, for the caravans which transport it pass behind our territories, and would, of course, prefer to sell to us than to travel several hundred miles to their present marts. Some fondly look forward to a railway; but we must recollect two things—one is that a railway at present means foreign capital, and, consequently, foreign control, so that its benefits will, to a very great extent, go to foreigners; the other is, that to collect freight at the stations, beasts of burdens are necessary; if not, the expense of sending produce to them at a distance of twenty-five or fifty miles will be so great that people will lose on it, as their produce must compete in the market with that of others who live on the road, that the benefits of the railway must be of a very limited character, and must, for some time at least, utterly fail reach a large portion of our population. If we are to be an agricultural people, the need of a burden-carrying animal is no less urgent, for we will be unable, even in our home markets, to compete much longer with other countries—who use the most scientific methods—if we do not very greatly improve upon our present primitive way of tilling the soil. Just as the English can take Indian cotton and undersell the native manufacturers in the cloth made from it, so we will find, sooner or later, that the foreign rice will undersell ours, as well as command the greater sale on account of its quality. Even our coffee will be beaten by foreigners, who are importing the plants, because our soil must gradually lose its abundant fertility under our present system; then we will have to extend the quantity of land under cultivation and give it increased attention at the same time. How are we to do this without the help of a beast of burden? Some dream of steam engines; but the transport of fuel, water, and the material to be operated on, will prove an obstacle to its utility. In fact, the steam engine has its sphere of labor and the animal has his, is clearly proved by a very transient glance at the history of the world; and the animal has come before the machine in every other social evolution on record; and if we venture to change the method of procedure, we will lose the full benefit to be gained by the combination of the powers of both.

With regard to the elephant, let us resort to the logic of figures, prefacing that our estimates are drawn from the English official accounts in India, where these animals are very much used. An elephant consumes, on an average, 500 pounds of fodder per diem, and a bushel of grain. At the extreme, fodder cannot cost over 50 cents per 100 pounds—probably not 25 cents; but say $2.50 per diem for fodder, and 1 bushel of rice at a4 00 (the extreme retail price for the best), his food thus costs $6.50 per diem; add $3.50 for shelter, incidentals, &c., he will cost $10.00 per diem. Ten dollars will employ thirty men, who carry, at the outside, 40 pounds each for twenty miles. This is 1,200 pounds carried twenty miles. An elephant can carry in the same time 1,600 pounds twice the distance. We leave this to the consideration of our commercial friends, and refrain from pointing out his utility in road making, farming and in other operations.—*The (Liberian) Observer.*

THE LANGUAGES OF AFRICA.

A lecture, illustrated by a map and tabular statements, was delivered on Friday night at a meeting of the Philological Society in the council-room of University College, Gower street, by Mr. Robert Cust, on the "Languages of Africa." He remarked that our knowledge was imperfect, and that all classification was provisional. Following Dr. F. Muller, of Vienna, he recognized three distinct ethnical divisions—that of the woolly fleecy-haired, woolly tuft-haired, and lank curly-haired, and six linguistic divisions, on the continent: 1. Semitic; 2. Hamitic (both of which were obvious intrusions into North Africa from Asia); 3. Fullah-Nuba; 4. Negro and Negroid; 5. Bantu; 6. Hottentot Bushman. He proceeded to detail the chief languages of each family. Among the Semitic some, like the old Punic and old Abyssinian, were dead; others, like the Arabic, Amharic, and Tigree, were living vernaculars. Among the Hamitic, old Egyptian and Coptic were dead, but Berber, Kabyle, Tuwareg, Galla, Somali and others were spoken by millions. Fulah-Nuba languages were spoken by conquering races, some of whom had adopted Mahomedanism. They stretched from the Atlantic on the northern fringe of the Negro races, across the continent to the basin of the middle Nile. The Fulahs had extended into the heart of Negroland and were found everywhere. The Negro race extended across the continent south of the Sahara Desert and north of the equator, and reached from the Atlantic to the equatorial lakes. Their languages were numerous, totally distinct from each other, and of many we know little or nothing. The great Bantu race occupied the peninsula of Africa from the equator southward, leaving a corner for the last family. It was a great fact, he said, that the divers languages of these numerous and powerful races, of whom the Zulu and Caffre are so well known, could be traced back to one common mother language, which has perished. The Hottentots and Bushmen represent all that remains of the original earliest inhabitants of the continent. They have been pushed forward by the Bantus, and nearly destroyed; their languages are totally distinct from each other.—*West African Reporter.*

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Gilbert, the handsome, has returned to his native state to help Tilden keep up his twist.

The A. M. C. of the G. U. O. of O. F. meets at St. Louis next month instead of at Little Rock.

California and Maine! Now for Ohio! Foster's election is sure, but a Republican legislature is what is needed.

After all Tammany's fretting and fuming they may complacently accommodate themselves to their dish of biled crow.

Gilbert C. Walker would cut a better figure in Virginia helping to maintain the credit of the state he helped to impoverish than by making buncombe speeches in New York.

Welcome to the *National Freeman* (S. Lowery, editor) Huntsville, Ala., the *Co operative Emigrant*, edited by Dr. Aray, Clarksville Tenn., and the *Immaculate Banner*, by William A. Hadley, Nashville, Tenn. We look with anxiety for the *Ohio Fall's Express*, Louisville, Ky., which makes its *debut* next week.

And "still there's more to follow."

Rev. G. W. Brodie, of Union Bethel Church, has returned from his two week's vacation at Eastern Shore, Md. Last Sunday the pulpit was decorated with beautiful flowers by the ladies of the church Floral Club. Much credit is due them for their appreciation of their pastor.

Mr. Joseph S. King, a colored laborer in the P. O. Department sent in his resignation last Monday. His creditors brought such a pressure upon him that he found it best to resign. An underestimate of his liabilities foots up to $400, more than one-half of which was for board and clothing. It is said that he purposes to engage in the political canvass of Virginia in the neighborhood of Burkeville. The attention of the readjusters, whoare in need of colored canvassers is especially called to Mr. King, who is a practical example of their policy.

THE NEWSPAPER CONVENTION.

In order that it may be seen that we are at one with the Indianapolis *Leader* as to the Colored Newspaper Convention, we reprodnce an editorial note from our issue of July 12:

Shall we have a convention of newspaper men? Yes; if there can be such an interchange of opinion, as to the sphere and scope of the colored newspaper as to indicate more plainly the policy to be followed; if besides the fraternal feeling and *esprit de corps* resulting from a gathering of this character there can be a better understanding of the business principles upon which the safe conduct of newspapers is founded, there should be such a gathering.

While "the colored press" of to-day is quite an institution, it is in its first stage; its influence is not as fully developed or recognized as it should be. The causes for this are within our control. A clear understanding of the sphere and scope of a "colored paper" strictly so called, may throw a great deal of light upon this subject and prevent failure and miscarriage. Count the ADVOCATE favorable to such a meeting.

The idea of a Newspaper Convention for the purpose of nominating a republican candidate is as absurd as it is impracticable. To recommend a platform of principles would be one thing; to agree upon a candidate would be found quite another. Besides, the papers having the widest circulation among us are denominational and religious. How would it look for the *Christian Recorder*, *A. A. Presbyterian*, *National Monitor*, *Christian Index*, *Star of Zion*, *Christian Advocate*, or the *Baptist Journal*, all denominational organs, participating as such in a canvass in the interest of a partisan nomination? The thing is an anomaly in the history of journalism. What is needed is an organization among the publishers of colored newspapers; that accomplished, all the desired political power could be exerted without doing injustice to any traditional usages or the customs of the profession.

Of course we prefer Washington as the place of meeting with the same characteristic modesty that suggests Chicago to the *Conservator* and New Orleans to the *Louisianian*; notwithstanding this, we agree with the *Recorder* that New York is the *best* locality from which the influence would be most potential; but as the business centre of the country, the headquarters of advertising agents and houses, type founders &c, it would be worth hundreds of dollars annually to our papers to have the first convention held at that place. There would be such a "send off" that cash subscribers would be constantly flowing into us from whites as well as from blacks. Hold it in New York.

Another advantage; reduced rates can always be made to New York better than to any other city in the country. While it would be a pleasure to many of us to see *Mardi Gras* in New Orleans next February, we apprehend that the characteristic festivities would unsuit many of us for work, and work it is that is desired.

Let the convention, then, meet in New York, say in mid-winter, before the Spring trade begins.

KANSAS.

ABOUT THE EMIGRANTS.

Hearing that the Hon. James T. Rapier, chairman of the committee on Migration of the late National Conference of colored men, who in company with Hon. M. W. Gibbs of Arkansas, had spent some time in Kansas examining into the condition of the refugees, was in the city, an attache of the ADVOCATE met that gentlemen last Monday and interviewed him on the exodus.

Reporter—"I understand you have been to Kansas?"

Yes, I have been looking at things out there.

Reporter—Prospecting, I suppose?

"No, I went there as one of a committee suggested at the late National Conference to into and observe as much as possible the condition of the emigrants there from the South."

Reporter—"How long did you remain in Kansas?"

"About twenty days."

Reporter—One could see considerable of a state in that time.

"Well, yes! I visited several sections of the state in that time, and availed myself of every opportunity to ascertain the actual condition of the people."

Reporter—What, in a word, is your opinion as to that?

"I should say they are at present in a prosperous conditionr They are now self-supporting. Of the seven thousand who have migrated into the state since last spring only seventy-five or eighty were receiving rations when I left Topeka. About two-hundred and fifty families have settled on two-thonsand acres of land at Dunlap on the W. K. T. R. R. Nearly the same number had been formed in a colony in wabunsee County. Others were hired out in different counties in the state as many as 265 in Lawrence County alone.

Reporter—What pay do they receive as farm laborers?

"About $13 per month and board."

Reporter—Is it true as reported, that many are lounging around the cities?"

"I should say not, except the mechanics who find work readily in the towns at from $2 to $2.25 a day."

Reporter—Is there much of a demand for other than farm labor there?

"For laborers on railroads, a very great demand—While in St. Louis the other day, an order came for 150 laborers and there were none there to fill it, and Gov. St. John says that at least one thousand female house servants could get immediate employment with pay from $5 to $7 per month."

Reporter—Do the refugees settle on the government lands generally?

"No. on what are known as school lands, which rate from $2.65 to $4.00 per acre on ten years time."

Reporter—Why on these rather than on government land?

"The land is better located. Rain fall does not go beyond 98° west longitude, and the government land which now generally lies beyond this point does not receive much rain until it has once been broken up. For this reason the school lands are preferable.

Reporter—What is your opinion of the general condition of the colored people in Kansas?

"I should say it was good; men, who are quite familiar with the affairs of the State say that about twentyfive per cent. of the colored people live in their own homes or on property for which they are paying. At one place, Emporia, that I visited, I was informed that 60 out 125 families live in their own houses."

Reporter—Did you see or hear anything of that excursion from Mississippi which was composed of planters and colored men?

"Yes, I saw them there, and concluded that it was a device to secure a report against the exodus. Colored men were found in it who admitted that such was its character, and that it was impolitic for them to return and give an account of affairs as they saw them; but as one of the local papers stated, they could not have visited Kansas at a worse season, for then the sun was shining the hottest, and the corn was never in so favorable a condition. Though the people are doing well now, I think there must be much suffering during the coming winter; and that it is the duty of the colored people of the country, who favor the exodus to contribute liberally to relieve that suffering. Gov. St. John has just reorganized his relief committee with a member from every religious denomination in Kansas on it, and at its head, Mr. Knox, one of the leading bankers of the west.

Reporter—Do you think it advisible that this migration should he continued this fall?

"I do not. It would be better that those contemplating leaving should wait until the coming spring, end those only go to sas who could pay their way and be prepared to maintain themselves in farming the first season, and that others should go to the older states such as Indiana, Illinois and Iowa in which they can find ready employment on farms, and when by frugality they ha ve accumulated a hundred dollars or so they too could start out for the great western prairies."

Thanking Mr. Rapier for the information, our reporter bade him good-bye. Mr. Rapier left last Tuesday morning. It is understood that his official report in due seasen will be forwarded to Senator Windom.

HARPER'S FERRY.

Harper's Ferry shorn of beauty, in desolation, sits sadly amid a country to which Nature has been grandly lavish in her gifts. On a peninsula between two mountains that rise in majesty above her, she faces the islet studded Shenandoah on the one side and the historic Potomac on the other; calmly she looks upon the embrace of the two rivers and sees them flow hence in a union that will last until they shall be lost in the bosom of the old ocean.

On every side, traces of the late war tell too plainly how the little town has suffered; houses razed to the foundation, roofless mills and churches in rivers, decay in every stage; here and there a wall beautified by a kindly sheltering vine which like "Charity, covers a multitude of sins," greets the eye and renders the scene more picturesque.

As in other Southern towns the geese, cows and pigs roam the streets at will, and it is difficult to decide whether the pigs or the human family are in the majority.

Jefferson in his "Notes on Virginia," written while seated on a large rock rendered famous by that act, and which has since borne his name, says that the beauty of this region "is well worth a journey across the Atlantic," an opinion in which every lover of Nature must concur, for here she has a form for every taste; from the peaceful quiet meadow and dimpling stream, to the frowning mountain and jagged precipices, with their never ceasing change of light and shadow.

In addition to the magnificence of the landscape, when it is remembered that this is the theatre of so many historical events, both during the Revolution and the war of the Rebellion, and that here the grand old hero, John Brown inaugurated a movement that led to the emancipation of the race, that here he with his brave band of followers was offered up a sacrifice to the spirit of slavery, it is remarkable that this has not become a favorite resort for pleasure and sight seekers.

MYRTLE HALL.

On Camp Hill commanding a view of Harper's Ferry, the pretty little town of Bolivar with its Heights, the Shenandoah with Loudon Heights on the left, and in the far distance peak on peak of the Blue Ridge Mountains basked in misty beauty against the sky, stands Myrtle Hall.

The building itself, a contrast to the ancient architecture prevailing here, as its purpose is a type of the new order of life. No longer is the voice of the slave driver heard, no trace of the auction block, no longer the Egyptian darkness for Negro intellect, but here on this highest point between two towns, (thanks to Christian generosity) stands Storer College, a constant reminder to these people that old things have passed away, that all things have become new; that liberty, civilization and equality have come to the front to bless black as well as white.

Messrs. Arter & Wilson with commendable enterprise, opened wide the doors of Myrtle Hall to summer boarders. The rooms of the hall are, large, airy, high ceiled and clean. The furniture and bedding are primitive and plain, but as one lives out of doors as much as possible except when reading or sleeping, after the first sense of bareness wears off, one does not mind this in the least.

Several improvements are talked of for next season, among them two new croquet grounds within the enclosure. It would not be a bad idea to have the window at the end of the lower hall open upon a broad, covered porch, which would not only be a pleasant spot for persons to sit during the heat of the day, but would afford an extra means of escape in case of fire.

There is but little shade about the building except that afforded by a few young fruit and locust trees, and a pleasant little peach orchard a few yards off from the front of the hall. The want of extensive shade is more than atoned for by the delightful pure breeze which is seldom absent and the excellent cold water which is always present.

The young proprietors received much encouragement, this being their first season, for the halls echoed to the voices of over eighty sojourners who came from Washington, Baltimore, Annapolis, Georgetown, and even as far as Massachuetts. At one time the guests numbered forty-five and on the day of the excursion fifty-two.

During the entire summer the company was pleasant and harmonious. At one time however, there were a large number of old friends and acquaintances which broke down all that restraint one feels with strangers, and made the place seem like the home of one immense family. At this time many a side-splitting practical joke was perpetrated, until at the least unusual noise or laughter, everybody would run to be in at the fun.

The amusements were riding and croquet playing, with numerous excursions to neighboring towns, to Maryland Heights, Rattling Springs or John Brown's Cave.

AMUSEMENTS.

In the early evening parties paired off and strolled at will to Powder House Hill, or along the narrow path at the top of a high hill leading to Jefferson Rock. Later, when the strollers returned, games and music were the order of the night, until the girls retired to their rooms, when peal on peal of laughter proclaimed that fun, pure and simple, ruled the hour.

To-night the game of "Proverbs," followed by a selection of poetry from each of the company whiles away the hours, but to-morrow night this gives place to the more noisy game of 'Stage Coach." Then followed the puzzle of "Fortune Telling," and the "Hudson Family" and so on and on through the list.

One dismal rainy night an impromtu entertainment, consisting of recitations, reading, singing and tableaux was presented to the general satisfaction. The "Death of Minnehaha" was pronounced to be very fine. Minnehaha was represented by Miss Martha Matthews; Famine, by Miss Johnson of Annapolis; Fever, by Mrs. Hawkesworth, while Mrs. Brown (Mrs. Montgomery's mother) made a capital Old Nokomis; Miss Lucy Moten, read the death scene from the Famine; Mr. and Mrs. Grimke, each, gave a recitation and Misses M. Matthews and June Brooks furnished the solos and duetts. The entire troupe dressed in old folks costume closed the entertainment with the chorus of "Old Lang Syne."

A MASQUERADE.

A whispering and mysterious gathering of the fun lovers on one occasion excited the curiosity of a few, who were forced to suffer in ignorance until dinner time, when under each plate was found a slip of brown paper directed to the owner, and which said "the ladies who make night hideous, present compliments to Miss—and request the pleasure of her company to an impromptu comic masquerade, to be given in the sitting room on this (Friday) evening at 8:30 o'clock." Please come masked."

The response to this invitation was very general. All of the characters were good; some of them excellent. Among these were the Nuns, by Mesdames Smith and Minton; Jack Sprat and his wife, by Misses Matthews and Moten; a school girl, Mrs. Hawkesworth. There was a fat cook who forgot her lameness when a gentleman attempted to see if the fat was genuine, and became so nimble that the gentleman complained of his leg for sometime, and the cook was forced to explain that she didn't mean to "kick," she only meant to pretend. The masks were all of muslin and, like the costumes, of home-manufacture.

Another amusing scene was a trial court over which a stupid, yet shrewd Dutch Judge presided. Mine host, Mr. Wilson, not only talked and acted the character but actually looked the stupid "Ditchman." He sentenced a girl to twenty years in the penitentiary for stealing a loaf of bread, and five years for crying in court, set free a man guilty of stealing a large sum of money, and promised to meet him as soon as court closed. In a breach of promise case sent the defendant to penitentiary for five years, so that he might marry that pretty girl himself.

There was in the company a very general and most commendable neglect of the dressing mania that renders most Summer resorts so wearisome and mere places to show off dry-goods. The ladies were always neat, but never made a toilet before supper time, unless they were going out. Only on two occasions did every one indulge in full dress, first at the matinee given by Mrs. Young of Annapolis.

MORE SERIOUS PLEASURES.

While these pleasures that except in memory die with the day they were enjoyed, there were others indulged in that may be but the prelude to these that will last for years, that is if rumor and appearance can be trusted. Beneath Jefferson Rock in a sheltered nook Cupid lay concealed, and as youthful couples came upon the rock, all unconscious of his presence, he took aim and wounded many, some it is feared fatally.

Among those suspected, (for strange to say all try to hide their wound) is a youth of Georgetown and a lass of Annapolis, a young business man of Annapolis and a maiden of Baltimore, a fair haired youth of Baltimore and a pretty vivacious young teacher of Washington, the young Prof. from the Ku Klux-ed state and one of our pleasantest and most successful teachers, a business man from the Bay State and one of Washington's most talented daughters. How many and which of these cases will need the soothing administrations of the Man of God to heal them time alone can tell. At any rate, whether or not, the two bridal parties of this year shall be doubled or trebled in another, there must cluster round the hours spent at Myrtle Hall memories too bright to fade away.

LLEDERI.

A Brilliant Wedding.

A FINE DISPLAY OF TOILETS.

On last Thursday evening, September 4th the residence of Mr. Mrs. Henry Black, 1124 7th street, n. w., was a scene of much brilliancy, the occasion was the marriage of their daughter, Miss Frankie to the Rev. H. Talbert, of Louisville, Kentucky. The commodious parlor was beautifully illuminated. On either side of the mantle-piece were two handsome baskets of choice flowers; on the center table was another basket of varied white flowers, a gift from the groom and in its center was the letter "T" made of violets.

Long before the bridal party entered, the parlor was filled with the relatives and friends of the family fashionably dressed. Among those noticed were Miss Etta B. Moses, in a lilac silk en traine, white gloves and jewelry; Miss Helen Jackson, gros grain silk en traine; Mrs. Jackson, the same; Mrs. Howard, brown silk; Mrs. Ringgold, black silk, ane Messers D. H. Stewart, Daniel Brooks, W. Ringgold, W. C. Chase, H. Wilson, James T. Jackson, J. Howard and numerous others.

At eight o'clock the bridal party entered, headed by the groom's best man Rev. T. H. Snowden, with the brides-maid Miss Gussie Black, followed by the father, M. H. Black with the bride; the groom with Mrs. Black, Mrs. Lillie Black, Mrs. Watts and H. Hugh Black and formed a semi-circle in front of the minister, Rev. G. W. Brodie, who performed the ceremonies. Miss Frankie Black has a rich complexion and the manner in which she was dressed added greatly to her beauty. The brides-maid was dressed in a brown trayling silk en traine, trimmed with white lace, brown hats and white kid gloves. The groom and the best man were dressed in the usual black. After the ceremonies the guests ate freely of a well prepared repast, after which they left for the Baltimore & Potomac depot and took the ten o'clock train for New York en route for Lynn, Massachusetts. Presents received were numerous and valuable. Space will not permit us to mention.

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LOCAL.

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—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—The statement is made (officially) that Wm. T. Given, 1104 12th street is selling those splendid "Nickle" segars, all long Havana filler, at 4 cents each. They are all the rage. See his advertisement.

☞We will keep a standing notice of the time of the services of such churches as give us the necessary written information.☜

—$200.

—Last Sunday.

—Raised at Israel.

—Dr. Crummell has come home.

—Miss M. B. Briggs, the principal of the Miner Normal School.

—Another changing of teachers round—just for the present. Yes!

—A fresh batch of school-marms.

—Work at Asbury proceeding rapidly. Colored plasterers and painters are at work.

—Banneker I. E. Association meeting Monday night at 1511 P st. n. w. at 7.1-2 o'clock, sharp—Business of importance.

—If you want to encourage an enterprising young man, get your milk from the Pinafore Dairy where advertisement is found elsewhere. W. H. H Hart a member of the firm will give his personal superintendence to the filling of all orders that may be received. This should be a guarantee of faithful work.

—Rev. Moses Reed left yesterday for the North on a missionary tour in behalf of Israel C. M. E. Church.

—The excursion of G. U. O. of Galilean Fishermen to Highland Park last Friday Sept. 5th on the Metropolitan Branch of B. & O. R. R. was socially very pleasant to those who participated in it. There was no delay in stating promptly at the hour the train was to move off. Mr. David Johnson is due much credit for this precision.

—The exercises at Hillsdale will not take place until Sunday, September 28th.

—Mrs. Sallie Williams Ireland visited her friends in this city last week, she was in excellent health.

—Miss Theodosia Lyons of Baltimore, is in the city, a guest of Mrs. Somers on P street.

—Mr. Horatio P. Howard of Fall River, Mass. is expected in the city next week.

—Mr. Hutchins, Bishop of Baltimore, Md., a student at the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of New York, was in the city last week. He returned to his studies on Monday last.

DIED—Mrs. Mary Farris departed this life September 1st, 1879 at 8.30 p. m. She was born in Campbell County, Virginia 1823, and is well known in Lynchburg, Va., where she has many friends and relatives. She lived with her son in Washington, D. C. since 1869.

—A grand bazaar, under the auspices of the members of class no 4, will be given Sept. 15, 16 and 17, 1879, at Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church, cor. 10th and R sts. n. w. Admission 10 cents.

—The quarterly concert of the Good Hope Sunday School, will be held Sunday September 14, at 3 o'clock. The Bethlehem Sunday School of Hillsdale, D. C. has been invited.

—Miss Sallie E. Chew of Trenton N. J. has returned to this city and was the guest of her friend Miss Miss Mattie Sbadd.

—Miss Mary McKenney of 12th street, gave a very charming entertainment on Friday evening last in honor of Mrs. Nettie Langston-Napier, who has been visiting her parents for the past month, but who left for her home in Nashville, Tenn. Thursday evening last.

—The schools of Alexandria opened on Monday Sept. 8th with an attendance larger than usual.

—The Second Baptist church which was under repairs, has been completed and now compares favorably with any church of its dimensions in the city. It has been rented by the school board for school purposes.

—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Stewart and Whitlow. Their establishment is

—The Princess st. Baptist Sunday school Alexandria, held their quarterly re-union and concert on Sunday. The exercises were very interesting and pleasant. There were about two hundred visiting the Sunday school. Children from the 19th st. Baptist church of Washington were present and seemed to enjoy their visit very much.

—A grand re-union and Social Feast was given by the Independent and Gescenor Clubs at Bethel Hall bet. 16 and 17th sts. n. w., Monday evening and containing during the week. It was a regular Bethel turnout, and every body who belongs to that congregation was there. It was an entertainment similar to the old time "Ten Days Feast in the Wilderness," and all who were there enjoyed themselves immensely.

—Last Monday evening, the National Endownment Association, held its first public meeting in the 19th st. Baptist church. A large number of persons attended, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. John W. Hunter, J. A. Johnson, and Dr. S. Roger Watts. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The next public meeting will be held at the Shiloh Baptist church at an early date.

—Mr. Robert F. Anderson, one of the prominent clerks in the Grand Central Depot, New York city, is expected to visit our city for the first time, on the 12th inst. and will spend a short period with his friend Mr. F. T. Hyman, no. 1019 4th st. n. w.

—Miss Fannie L. Bradford died last Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, in the 20th year of her age. Miss Bradford was a successful teacher in our public schools, and a member of the 19th St. Baptist church.

—There were many of the friends and relatives of the groom from Baltimore in attendance upon the wedding, prominent among whom were the groom's father and sister, Miss Aggie Brooks, Mr. Wm. H. Brown, S. Decoursey and Theodore Dearer.

—An excursion will be given to Lynchburg, Va., on Saturday, September 20th by the "Social Glee Club" of this city. The cars will leave the Baltimore and Potomac Depot at a quarter before seven o'clock a. m. sharp, arriving in Lynchburg at half past 2 o'clock p. m. Returning, the cars will leave Lynchburg the following Monday night at 12 o'clock, reaching Washington at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. This will give an opportunity for all who desire, to visit the many churches which dot the beautiful hills of this ancient and picturesque city. Tickets for the round trip only $3.75, to be had at the depot on the morning of the excursion. Should any thing occur to prevent the excursion, all tickets bought of the committee will be redeemed by them.

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Hymen's Freaks.

[From the Louisianian.]

General T. Morris Chester was married Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the presence of a few friends to Miss Florence Johnson, by the Rev. A. M. Green. They left for Harrisburg at 5 o'clock. We understand the bride will remain North some time, while the groom is booked to be in New Orleans within three weeks to look after his increasing business as U. S. Commissioner.

[We know of at least one maiden who will sigh as she reads this. Eskiam, cheer her up.—Ed.]

Hymen's Freaks.

BROOKS—JONES.

[Communicated.]

Did he tie nuptial knot? so silently, so weak, so suddenly that none supposed so grand a result, such marital thoughts could emanate from such a restless busy body? Where are the gun, the fishing tackle, the sailing boat, the hunting dogs? alas! all are laid away. What! can it be that we shall think no more of these sporting days! no more shall that old familiar room, within which we welcomed hot punches, juleps, the hearty laugh and warm discussions, welcome us more. Alas, our bachelor days are o'er! Married by Rev. Mr. Grimke on the evening of the 26th John E. Brooks to Georgie Jones, both of this city. The bridal party took the 8.15 a. m. train the next morning for Harper's Ferry. In launching their bark of love upon the matrimonial sea, that it may ever be freighted with happiness and prosperity, is the earnest wish of the writer. The party were accompanied by Miss Bella, sister of the bride, Mrs. Jno. C. Nalle, Mr. Augustine Savoy and Chas. Jarvis. BACHELOR.

Murray—Myers.

The much talked of marriage of Mr Spencer Murray, jr., of Baltimore to Miss Maggie Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Myers came off Wednesday night at St. John's P. E. Church, corner 16th and H street, n. w. The church was filled with a fashionable audience, a large number of them being leading white citizens as ex-Mayors Berret and Wallach, Commissioners Dent and Phelps, Mr. Nimm, chief of Bureau of Statistics and Mr. Windom, son of the Senator. At quarter of 8 o'clock, the bridal party entered in the following order: Mr. Solomon DeCoursey, of Baltimore (best man) and Miss Josie Stewart; the groom and the mother of the bride; the bride Miss Maggie, resting on the arm of her father, and the ushers, Messers William H. Washington, Shriver, Deaver, of Baltimore, H. E. Baker and Charles Evans, Mr. B. D. Fleet playing Mendelsohn's Wedding March. The beautiful ceremony of the Episcopal Church was performed by Rev. Dr. Crummell assisted by Dr. J. Vaughn Lewis, the bride being given, away by her father, Mr. William Myers.

Miss Myers was beautifully dressed in white tull white satin bodice, decorated with orange blossoms, and lilies of the valley; skirt, princesse en traine.

Miss Josie Stewart was dressed in the same tasty manner.

The bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, 1111 14 street, n. w. and held a most brilliant reception. Their parlors were thronged with many of the leading citizens of the community, among whom we noticed Revs. Dr. Crummell, G. W. Brodie, E. W. S. Peck and ladies, the official members of St. Mary's Church, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, H. B Abrahams and G. F. T. Cook.

The collation which was under the charge of Mr. James F. Jackson was served in the style for which he is so well noted. Shortly after nine, the bride and groom started on an extensive tour North to Niagara Falls, New York and other places of interest.

The presents were many, and comprised articles useful as well as ornamental.

Owing to the crowded state of our columns, it will be impossible for us to give a full description of these until our next issue.

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No. 186. CROSS WORD.

In acid not in sweet;
In road not in street;
In stone not in rock;
In door not in lock;
In fish not in snake;
In give not in take;
In find not in ferreted.
My whole is merited.

Huntington, L. I. TITUS MARX.

No. 189. DIAMOND.

A consonant; an animal; Phythias' friend; a fine linen or cotton; consisting of swelling works; yarn from combed and staple wool; a chemical salt; a Spanish epopee; a consonant.

Baltimore, Md., RANDOLPH.

No. 188. CENTRAL DELETIONS.

Delete an animal and get a layer;
Delete, to chop up and get species of animals;
Delete a household article and get a story;
Delete to lift up and get, to tear down.

Phila., Pa., NAMRON.

No. 189. CENTRAL ACROSTIC.

A disease; a city. an animal; to seek; adroit; a reptile; a weapon; a border,
Centrals—a flowering shrub.

East Dedham, Mass., EAGLE EYE.

No. 190. HIDDEN RIVERS.

Mary, pare your pear like I do.
Our alumni leaves us to-night.
Blackburn is one of the greatest orators of the day.
Harry or Kate will go also.
Send David to the errand.

Washington, D. C. BODKIN.

No. 191. COMPOUND DOUBLE CROSS WORD.

Upper left across—a fish; a foreign title; an animal; if; a letter.

Down—Hebrew money; a foreign priest; kindled; an abbreviation; a letter.

Upper right cross—one of the muses; a genus of grasses; a kind of cloth; a prefix; a letter.

Down—that which corrodes; a British coin; cunning; an abbreviation; a letter.

Center Across—a letter; a prefix; a small bird; animate; a male name.

Down—a letter; a denial; a boy's nickname; form; a corrosive.

Across—a male name; botton; a genus of trees; the egg of an insect; to execute; a letter.

Down—a foreigner; a mixture; encountered; an abbreviation; a letter.

Champlain, N. Y. M. PIRE.

No. 192. NUMERICAL.

1, 2, 3, juice of plants,
4, 5, a preposition,
6, 7, 8, a unit,
9, 5, a preposition,
10, 11, a pronoun.
My whole is soapy.

Savannah, Ga. LAUGHING JACK.

No. 193. DIAMOND.

A letter; guided; a beverage; a star; to penetrate; to regret; a letter.

Phila., Pa. ELLIE J. BELL.

☞Answers next week.☜

PRIZES.

Sent list last week, use it.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Best incomplete list, Laughing Jack; next, Mystic; next, G. Olden; next, Ellie J. Bell.

SOLVERS.

Answers were received from Laughing Jack, Eystic, G. Olden, Ellie J. Bell, E. X. Poser, Namron, B. Dow, N. Snare, R. E. Porter, Golden Anchor, Pole R., R. Dent, Crux, C. Wel, Onion, Brig and others.

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Mr. H. B. Stowe in a letter to *North American Review*, on the Education of Freedmen, says the plan of the Hampton School was suggested by the educational system of the Sandwich Island, introduced by American missionaries and built up chiefly by the labors of the Rev. Richard Armetrong, D. D. minister of public instruction; his son General Armstrong, the principal of Hampton inherits and uses to very best advantage the stores of his father's practical experience. To one who has visited the Sandwich Islands, about the year 1857 and seeing the means and modes adopted to restrain those Kanakas from "Man Eating," himself a southern Negro having spent three years in the narrow confines of a whaler's forecastle with a half a dozen of those Islanders the incentive is not palatable which prompts the Hampton school training.

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—The Bute street Baptist church Sunday school held its 14th anneversary Sunday afternoon the exercises were very interesting and creditable to the teachers and scholars; this reminds me of the effort made not long ago to have a periodical meeting of all the Sunday schools hereabouts. The matter was presented to a Baptist Sunday school meeting and referred to a special committee of which E. G. Corprew of Portsmouth was appointed chairman and through whose efforts the matter lies inanimate. ESKIAM.

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